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PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021

NEWS YOU CAN USE

MEET UP & EAT UP Free Lunch Program
Ironwood Area Schools
@ Depot Park Pavilion
June 7 - August 20
Mon - Fri @ 11 am - 12 pm
(Closed July 15 & 16)

DEPOT PARK FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
Every Friday @ 4 - 6 pm
Starting June 25

DOWNTOWN IRONWOOD FIRST FRIDAY

Monthly every first Friday 4 - 8pm
Summer Music Series @ City Square and special events at downtown businesses.

CITY OFFICES & DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS
CLOSED
Mon, July 5

FESTIVAL IRONWOOD
July 14 - 17

GOGEBIC COUNTY FAIR
Gogebic County Fairgrounds
August 12 - 15

Michigan Free ORV Weekend
August 21 - 22 no sticker required

EMBERLIGHT FESTIVAL
August 26 - September 3

BRIDGES AND BLUFFS 1/2 MARATHON & 2-MILE RUN/WALK
Saturday, September 25 @ 9 am
Starts at Depot Park
www.bridgesandbluffs.com

CITY GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 2

CARNEGIE LIBRARY WORKSHOPS
"Library On the Road"

Visit the library at Depot Park on Tuesdays during the hot lunch program or during Friday Farmers' Markets for children's activities, make & take projects, and used book sales.

More library events & info @ 906-932-0203 or visit their website: uproc.lib.mi.us/Ironwood/

For information on area events: go to your app store and download for the free IronwoodGo! app or call the Chamber of Commerce at 906-932-1122 or visit their website: ironwoodchamber.org

THE IRONWOOD DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION TEAM

BY ANNETTE BURCHELL
MAYOR

In June of 2020, I convened a group of Ironwood area residents to discuss issues inherent in making our community a more inclusive place that welcomes and embraces diversity. Such diversity includes, but is not limited to gender, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

The Ironwood Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team is comprised of community partners and citizens, including representatives from Gogebic Community College, Ironwood Area Schools, Community Mental Health, Aspirus, MSU Extension, Ironwood Public Safety and our City Manager. The Team has met monthly since last June, facilitated by the talents of Gerry Gripper and Glen Ackerman-Behr. The Team has defined its Mission, Vision and Values, and has developed and prioritized twenty-plus tasks to accomplish that will help the City meet its goals for diversity, equity and inclusion.

Work that the Team has done or is ongoing:

- History Speaker Series: monthly focus on a particular racial and ethnic group and the contributions made by members of that community, presented by a member of that community. The series will resume in September on the first Monday of the month from 7pm-8:30pm.
- Reading Group Series: monthly reading and discussion of works of non-fiction and fiction to learn about and foster discussion of diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Team review of the City's Book of Ordinances for relevancy and use of appropriate language.
- Collaboration with our Public Safety Director to develop updated mission, vision and core values statements for the Public Safety department.
- Development of ways to engage community and youth with community resources, entertainment, and personal interaction.
- Collaboration with community partners to expand diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives (e.g., Emberlight Festival, First Fridays, Pride UP, NICER715, Carnegie Library, etc.)



SPLASH PAD
IRONWOOD CITY SQUARE



WOODLAND SKY DANCERS
FIRST FRIDAY

We welcome more people to participate in this important work. For questions or further information, please call the City Clerk's office or email me at burchella@cityofironwood.org



FIRST FRIDAYS
Downtown City Square
6pm

July 2: Myron Elkins & the Dying Breed
Concert

August 6: Superior Horns & Blue Ice
Concert

September 3: Emberlight Festival

Main Street 6pm

October 1: Plaidurday Group photo op

CONGRATULATIONS
IRONWOOD BUSINESSES

The City of Ironwood would like to extend a "welcome" and "congratulations" to the new businesses that have made the decision to locate in the City of Ironwood. We are excited to have them as part of our community.



REMINDER: A business license is required for a new business. For more information about obtaining your business license please call the City Clerk's office at 906-932-5050 ext. 122.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE
SUMMER TAXES

BY PAUL LINN
FINANCE DIRECTOR / TREASURER

Summer taxes, including a 1% administration fee, and any special assessments (if applicable), are levied July 1st each year. They become past due if not paid by August 10th. Please note that payments must be received by the City before 3:30pm on August 10th (postmark not accepted) to avoid a 3% late penalty.

PAYMENT METHODS INCLUDE:

- At the payment window inside the City Municipal building
- Via mail (postmark not accepted as date paid)
- In the City's outdoor drop box located next to the flag pole of the City Municipal Building
- Via credit card using the following link:
www.cityofironwood.org/government/services

CITY, VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP REVENUE SHARING

For fiscal year 2021, the State of Michigan Legislature continued the City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS) program. Each eligible local unit must meet all of Section 952 of 2017 Public Act 107 in order to receive the full CVTRS payments. To qualify for CVTRS payments, a local unit must provide Treasury with certain required documents, as well as make the required documents available for public viewing in the city, village, or township clerk's office or post them on a publicly accessible Internet site. The required documents include: 1) Certification of Accountability and Transparency, 2) Citizen's Guide, 3) Performance

FLOWERS FOR THE PEOPLE

The Downtown Ironwood Development Authority is providing 75 beautiful light pole flower baskets throughout downtown this Summer.

The baskets help make downtown vibrant and visually appealing. Anyone who would like to contribute to the flower basket project by making a financial donation (\$40 provides for one flower basket), please make a check payable to City of Ironwood and mail to: City of Ironwood, Attn. Tim Erickson 213 S. Marquette St. Ironwood, MI 49938



Consider partnering with us in this popular celebration of community.

ELECTION OF IRONWOOD CITY
COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Time to file nominating petitions for the elective office of the Ironwood City Commission. The deadline to file nominating petitions for the Ironwood City Commission is Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 4:00pm (local time) at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938. For more information, please contact the City Clerk Karen Gullan at 906-932-5050 ext. 121.

COVID EMERGENCY RENTAL &
UTILITY ASSISTANCE

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is administering the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program through our local Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency (GOCAA).

CERA can provide rental and utility assistance for eligible renter households so that they retain their housing stability. Landlords and tenants can apply.

Contact GOCAA for more information or to apply at 906-667-0283, Ext. 18 or 30.



Dashboard, 4) Debt Service Report, and 5) Projected Budget Report.

The City of Ironwood's required documents associated with the CVTRS program are available for viewing in the City Clerk's office located in the Ironwood Municipal Building, 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938. They are also available on the City's website: www.cityofironwood.org/finance-treasury/ under the Revenue Sharing tab